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FIG. 51 depicts a cardioplegia occluder blood cannula which is upstream from a
separately insertable filter which is upstream from a diverter. --

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IN THE CLAIMS

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Please cancel claims 1-18 and 20-22, without prejudice.

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Please amend the following claim.

19. (Amended) A method for cannulation, comprising the steps of:
inserting a distal end of a cannula into [a patient] an aorta;
inserting a filter through a lumen of the cannula and past the distal end of the
cannula [into the patient];
deploying the filter; and
expanding an occluder associated with the distal end of the cannula.

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Please add the following new claim:

28. A method for cannulation, comprising the steps of:
inserting a distal end of a cannula into cardiac tissue;
inserting a filter through a lumen of the cannula and past the distal end of the
cannula;
deploying the filter; and
expanding an occluder associated with the distal end of the cannula.
